

ORDINARY CITIZENS, EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS:

CREATING CHANGE THROUGH
ACTIVISM & VOLUNTEERISM

Featuring
LOUNG UNG

Wednesday, April 3
5:30–6:30 p.m.

Mabel Brown Room,
L.P. Young Student Center



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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

2024 GENOCIDE AWARENESS LECTURE

Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30 p.m.

Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center and via livestream

Institutional Welcome

Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90

President, Keene State College

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Kate DeConinck

Director, Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies

Lecture

"Ordinary Citizens, Extraordinary Leaders: Creating Change Through Activism and Volunteerism"

Featuring guest speaker Loung Ung

Questions & Discussion

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ABOUT TONIGHT'S FEATURED SPEAKER

LOUNG UNG was only five years old when the Khmer Rouge soldiers stormed into her native city of Phnom Penh. Four years later, in one of the bloodiest episodes of the 20th century, some two million Cambodians—including both of Loung's parents, two sisters, and 20 other relatives—had been killed.



Ung went on to become a bestselling author and an activist who has devoted herself to helping her native land heal from the traumas of war. She has worked as an activist to end violence against women, child soldiers, and more. Loung's bestselling memoir, *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*, was a 2001 recipient of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians' Association Award for Excellence in Adult Non-fiction Literature, and it is widely taught in high schools and universities across the U.S. and internationally.

She is also the co-screenplay writer of the critically acclaimed 2017 Netflix original movie based off her memoir that was produced and directed by Angelina Jolie. Selected as one of the "100 Global Youth Leaders of Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum, Loung Ung has also been featured in numerous publications, television shows, and radio shows.

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Finally, our gratitude to Bodie Barton and Eleanor Briggs, featured speakers at earlier events in our spring series on Cambodia.



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